



Let it Snow



This is the desire of many, that we will have a white Christmas. It always happens in the Hallmark movies. As the couple finally gets together on Christmas Eve it starts to snow. We, too, want a white Christmas. It can stay on the grass and trees and not be on the roads. That would be great. But the quote by C. S. Lewis reminds us that the season is not about "let it snow."



He also reminds us that it is not about "let it shop" which also tends to fill our thoughts. As I mentioned on Sunday, we have already had our family Christmas and so our shopping is over. Now we can just relax. But for some of you it still goes on, looking for that last special gift as the days continue to count down to your family gathering. But that is not the message of Christmas either.

What C. S. Lewis reminds us is that Christmas is about "let us worship Jesus." We see this in the Biblical story. Both the shepherds and the Wisemen gave praise and worship to Jesus and to God for Jesus. This is the real message. God reached down into history in the form of a baby so that he would eventually die for us on the cross, so that we would have salvation and eternal life.

And so at this season of Christmas, we gather to give God worship and thanksgiving for the true meaning and message of Christmas. For if it were not for that, it would be just another Happy Holiday.

In Christ Alone
Merry Christmas

Prayer & Praises

- The Miles Family requested prayer for Eleanor (16) who has been at the children's hospital in Philadelphia for almost 3 weeks. She fell down steps and there was a lot of internal bleeding from her liver. She has a long road to recovery. Pray for healing.
- The Miles Family requests prayer for Pam Smith who is on Hospice due to cancer that has spread.
- Victor Riddle is in Gettysburg Hospital with severe pain. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors and healing for Victor.
- Please pray healing and recovery for April (a friend of Courtney Grim) who had Covid and already has a compromised immune system due to other health conditions.
- Carol McKinley called with a praise report that Mary Stover's heart stint operation was successful and she will be coming home today from UPMC Harrisburg. Pray for continued recovery.
- Sandy Hengst requested prayer for her aunt who fell at home and crushed her knee and had to have emergency surgery on Tuesday morning. Also pray for Joe Martin.
- Please Pray for Bruce & Robin Terrell (friends/neighbors of Deb Zipfel) who had a house fire on Saturday night with severe damage.
- Please pray for Kathy McWilliams. She has cellulitis and an infection at the site of her leg surgery. Pray for healing.
- Please pray for Vicki Miller (Brett Miller's Stepmother) who developed a blood clot in her back and had to have emergency surgery for recovery, healing, and rest.



Ongoing Health Concern Prayers

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| *Kathy McWilliams | *Sarah Sabold (Smeltzer) | *Ken Warren | *Mary Fisher |
| *Alyssa Leakway | *Gloria Gerber | *Missy Braden | *Bryce Baublitz |
| *Julie Waggoner | *Bill Barley | *Brandon Little | *Derek Meck |
| *Josh (Bonnie Tyson's Grandson) | *Ruth Cook | *Victor Riddle | *Mark Lipsitz |

Cancer Special Prayers

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| *Julia McCartney | *Greg & Sandy George | *Butch Warren's brother | *Ted Erb (Traci Kauffman family) |
| *Kathy McWilliams brother-in-law Phillip | *Tom Kimmel | *Bob (Ron Engle, friend) | |
| *Sandy Harlacker | *Ellie Basko | *Mark Yonker | *Keith Kauffman (Kerry Kauffman's brother) |
| *Jean Beck | *Donald Moore | *Butch Warren | |

CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests

Pray for those who are battling addiction to drugs or alcohol. Pray for them to receive the victory of deliverance and freedom through Jesus Christ. Pray for our CBC Churches and members to reach out with love and healing in Jesus' Name.

Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:

- Mount Zion Congregation in Moatsville, WV and Pastor Larry Poling
- Moxham Congregation in Johnstown, PA, with Pastor Daniel Rhodes



Important Dates and INFORMATION

This week

Sunday 12/24

- *9 am Come Worship!
- *5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
- *7 pm Christmas Eve Service
@ Altland Meetinghouse
- *10 pm Christmas Eve Service
@Altland Meetinghouse

Next Week

Tuesday 1/2

- *Newsletter Prep
- *Newsletter Assembly 1 pm
- *Women's Fellowship 6:30 pm

Wednesday 1/3

- *Life Group

You are Invited!

Women's Fellowship will be visiting with the Fruitbelt Farmworkers

Tuesday, January 30th at 5:30.

We will be taking them a small gift to take home to their wives and or moms or children. We will have a time of sharing, perhaps Bible study or having a message as well as some singing hopefully. We will be sharing dinner and dessert with them.

This group of workers will be returning to Honduras in March. We would love for more people men and women to come and join us! We do need to know however if you will be joining us. We will carpool from the church at 4:30. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. **RSVP by January 21.** Thank you for your consideration!

Sunday, December 24th, 2023
Regular 9 am Celebration Worship Service
5:30 pm – Bermudian Church

East Berlin

7:00 pm – Altland Meetinghouse
(Thomasville)

10:00 pm – Altland Meetinghouse
(Thomasville)

Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Holiday Dinner
Saturday
January 13th, 2024

Forms for sign-up will be in your bulletin
in the coming weeks!

Catering by Hughes

Turkey/Ham – Stuffing/Gravy – Mashed
Potatoes – Corn – Green Beans –

Cranberry Relish – Desserts

Whispering Creek Bluegrass Band

Wednesday

January 3rd

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

with Pastor Gary

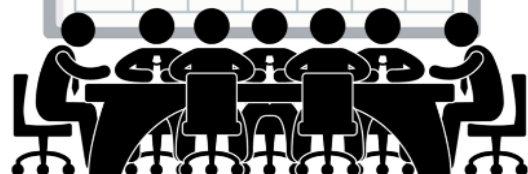
Life Group

Studying:
The Book of Revelation

Commission Meeting at 6 Pm

Board Meeting at 7 Pm

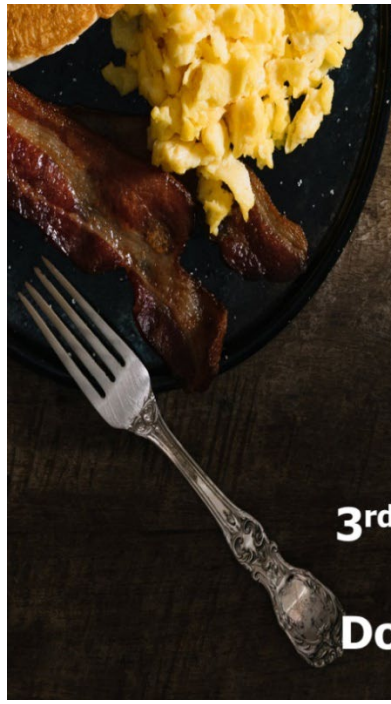
JANUARY 9TH



WANTED

POWERPOINT PERSON FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Pastor Gary is looking for someone who will be willing to run the PowerPoint at the 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Celebration. It will all be set up and there will be an easy-to-follow instruction sheet to guide you as you simply press the down button at the appropriate time. Please see Pastor Gary if you are willing to help out in this time of celebration.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

NEXT MEETING
3rd Saturday each month
January 20th, 7 am
Dover Valley Restaurant

Prayer Shawl

Ministry

Next Meeting

There will be no prayer shawl
in December
See you in January
(weather permitting)

Wednesdays
January 10th & January 24th
All the ladies are invited at
9 am in Shepherd's Hall

Sisters

A Bible Study for Women

Julie will be out of the office on
Friday, December 22nd. I will
work remotely. You can email
me and I will take care of it the
next day if it needs to be printed
or done in the office.
You can also text
717-578-3408.

Ladies Choir

Attention All Ladies

If you enjoy singing, consider
joining Ladies Choir.

New voices are welcome!

Next Practices will be on
Thursday, December 21st at 7 pm.
See Betty Engle if you have questions

Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday
January 14th

At Noon

At
Dover Valley
Restaurant

Please See Nancy
Smith to RSVP



Merry



Christmas!!